

wherein when in the inoperable position, the cutting blade provides access to an operator to clear material jams in the tape dispensing apparatus.

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16. (New) The method according to Claim 15, wherein the mechanical linkage is provided with a operating lever for operating the mechanical linkage, a cam for caming the cutting blade, and a link pivotally connected to the operating lever at one end and to the cam at an opposite end, and wherein operating the mechanical linkage comprises rotating the operating lever from a first position to a second position.

#### REMARKS

A marked-up version of the rewritten paragraphs is attached hereto.

Claims 3-16 have been added to claim additional features of the present invention as described in the Specification and shown in the Drawings.

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